GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:922
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ATROCITIES AGAINST SC/ST
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman of National Human Rights Commission has written to the Prime Minister and Chief Ministers to implement recommendations of the report on prevention of atrocities against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the majority of cases of atrocities against vulnerable sections had failed because they had not been dealt with sensitivity due to indifference of society; and

(d) if so, the reasons for which the Article 15 of the constitution could not be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The National Human Rights Commission entrusted a retired IAS Officer to go into the entire gamut of issues related to atrocities against the Scheduled Castes, who has since submitted a comprehensive report and has made recommendations on various aspects including, inter-alia, three tier training programme for police and civil functionaries engaged in the implementation of laws and regulatory measures having bearing on atrocities committed on SCs, holding of annual workshops of District Magistrates and Superintendents of Police, setting up of exclusive Special Courts for dealing with atrocity cases in districts and identification of atrocity prone areas and untouchability prone areas. The recommendations contemplate action by various Central Government Ministries and agencies and the State Governments. Chairperson has requested the Central Governments and State Governments to consider the recommendations and take appropriate action.

(c): The causes of failure of cases of atrocities against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes cannot be attributed to a single factor. Causes of such failures may vary from case to case such as absence of witnesses, witness turning hostile, delay in investigation, trial, etc.

(d): Article 15 of the Constitution has been implemented.